

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of C.F., a/k/a C.H., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

LARRY HARRIS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JAVANA UNIQUE FAIRFAX,

Respondent.

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January 21, 2003

No. 240945

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 89-277630

Before: Cooper, P.J., and Bandstra and Talbot, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Harris appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

Respondent claims that the trial court erroneously terminated his parental rights but fails to provide any support for this claim. See *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Rather, respondent claims that the court should have waited for him to appear for the hearing and either present a plan for reunification or a defense to the petition. Because defendant failed to raise this issue below or include it in the statement of questions presented on appeal, it is not properly preserved. *Camden v Kaufman*, 240 Mich App 389, 400, n 2; 613 NW2d 335 (2000); *City of Lansing v Hartsuff*, 213 Mich App 338, 351; 539 NW2d 781 (1995). Nevertheless, this issue would be deemed abandoned on appeal because respondent has failed to

brief the merits of the issue or cite any supporting authority. *Prince v MacDonald*, 237 Mich App 186, 197; 602 NW2d 834 (1999).

Affirmed.

/s/ Jessica R. Cooper
/s/ Richard A. Bandstra
/s/ Michael J. Talbot